

## Storage

By pursuing more water storage capacity in both surface reservoirs and underground aquifers, CALFED seeks not only to meet the needs of California's growing population, but also to provide much-needed flexibility to improve water quality and restore ecosystems.

### Goals:

- To provide financial and technical assistance to implement 1/2 million to one million acre-feet of new, locally managed groundwater storage.
- Pursue specific opportunities for new off-stream storage sites and expansion of existing on-stream storage sites as identified in the Record of Decision.

### Accomplishments:

- Launched the Integrated Storage Investigations (ISI) to coordinate studies and evaluate the costs and benefits of specific storage projects in terms of water quality, water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration.
- Signed an agreement with local partners to study the Sites Reservoir off-stream surface storage project.
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding to launch studies to evaluate the expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir.
- Provided grants and loans to local agencies totaling more than \$23 million to assist in planning and implementing groundwater projects. The projects will improve statewide operational flexibility and increase water supply reliability.
- Completed 16 Memoranda of Understanding with local agencies to study groundwater storage improvements throughout the state.

### Public and Peer Review:

- Conjunctive-Use Advisory Teams
- Public workshops, partnerships and stakeholder meetings

### Performance and Tracking

Storage is part of the larger Water Management Strategy, and will increase the availability of water and improve the flexibility of the system. Performance measures for this may include evaluation of changes in groundwater levels, groundwater overdraft status, volume of new surface storage and groundwater capacity.